

SENATE RESOLUTION 113

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church of Maryville on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

WHEREAS, the churches of our nation have been an integral part of our history as a people and have had an unparalleled impact in forming and maintaining a stable and just society; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should recognize those venerable religious institutions and their congregations that, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, enrich the lives of people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such dynamic and historic community of faith is Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, whose members are celebrating the church's 100th anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church was established on May 27, 1923, as an unorganized mission under the direction of Dr. Walter C. Whitaker; and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 1923, the executive committee of the newly established church obtained and furnished an empty house located at 308 Nobel Street in Alcoa, which was rented at the rate of ten dollars per month; and

WHEREAS, to serve the needs of its growing membership, Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church began conducting services at the Friends Church in Maryville in the spring of 1934 and purchased the property on July 27, 1946; and

WHEREAS, construction was initiated on a 9,000-square-foot structure in September 1963; completed in 1964, the expansion included a basement and two-story addition to the main church building; and

WHEREAS, Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church has stood on the rock-solid foundation of Christian belief, service, and love for 100 years, serving as a bastion of faith and outreach to the people of its community; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the church's faith, leadership, and strength of its members, Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church has persevered and continues to grow; it is truly one of the great religious institutions and catalysts for positive spiritual change in our State and nation, and the members of this exceptional congregation should be appropriately honored for the exemplary service to their fellow Christians and to the good people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we join in the celebration of the centennial anniversary of Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church of Maryville, thank the good people of this congregation and their ministers for their notable service to their Lord and the State of Tennessee, and wish them much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.